

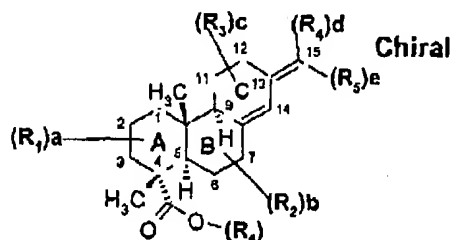
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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating multiple sclerosis in a mammal in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

(I)



wherein:

"a" is 0 or an integer from 1 to 8;

"b" is 0 or an integer from 1 to 7;

"c" is 0 or an integer from 1 to 6;

"d" is 0 or an integer from 1 to 10;

"e" is 0 or an integer from 1 to 10;

Ring A is aromatic or non-aromatic and may optionally be heterocyclic with one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;

Ring B is aromatic or non-aromatic and may optionally be heterocyclic with one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;

Ring C is aromatic or non-aromatic and may optionally be heterocyclic with one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen;

R₁, R₂ and R₃ at each occurrence may independently be selected from substituents having 25 or fewer atoms, wherein the substituent may be selected from the group consisting of: H; substituted or unsubstituted alkyls; substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyls; substituted or unsubstituted alkenyls; substituted or unsubstituted alkynyls; substituted or unsubstituted aryls;

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substituted or unsubstituted heterocycles; hydroxyls; aminos; nitros; thiols; primary, secondary or tertiary amines; imines; amides; phosphonates; phosphines; carbonyls; carboxyls; silyls; ethers; thioethers; sulfonyls; sulfonates; selenoethers; ketones; aldehydes; esters; -CF₃; -CN; and combinations thereof;

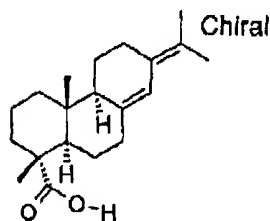
R₄, R₅ and R₆ at each occurrence may independently be selected from substituents having 20 or fewer atoms, wherein the substituent may be selected from the group consisting of: H; substituted or unsubstituted alkyls; substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyls; substituted or unsubstituted alkenyls; substituted or unsubstituted alkynyls; substituted or unsubstituted aryls; substituted or unsubstituted heterocycles; hydroxyls; aminos; nitros; thiols; primary, secondary or tertiary amines; imines; amides; phosphonates; phosphines; carbonyls; carboxyls; silyls; ethers; thioethers; sulfonyls; sulfonates; selenoethers; ketones; aldehydes; esters; -CF₃; -CN; and combinations thereof;

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ may together define one or more exocyclic rings joining one or more of Rings A, B and C, and an exocyclic ring may be heterocyclic;

"chiral" denotes that a compound may be chiral.

Claims 2 to 33 (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the following formula:



Claims 35 to 38 (Cancelled).